

# PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION PEST PROGRAM

## JAPANESE BEETLE BLAST #21.05 - NOVEMBER 16, 2021

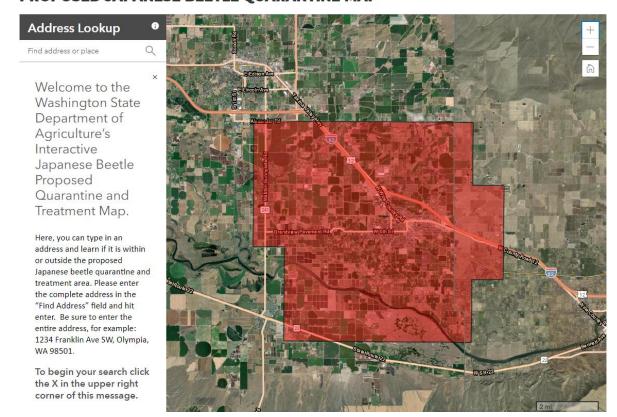
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## **RULE MAKING UPDATE**

WSDA is underway with rulemaking to expand Washington's existing Japanese beetle quarantine (which currently quarantines states with known Japanese beetle populations) to include quarantining an area within Washington that is infested with the beetles.

A proposed map of the area under consideration for quarantine is below. Please note this is NOT a final map and is available for informational purposes only. <u>To interact and search the proposed map click here.</u>

## PROPOSED JAPANESE BEETLE QUARANTINE MAP



## PLANT SERVICES TRAPPING

In addition to the Japanese beetle traps monitored by the Pest Program, Plant Services inspectors deployed 98 traps to assist in assessing the extent of the pest's presence. They monitored nurseries in Grandview, Sunnyside and surrounding areas throughout the adult flight season. All 98 traps were negative for Japanese beetles. Plant Services Program staff plan on focusing trap placements at nursery sites again for the 2022 season.

## WELCOME CAMILO ACOSTA

Camilo Acosta joins the Pest Program as the Japanese Beetle Eradication Coordinator. He is tasked with carefully planning to help rid the Yakima Valley of the destructive pest. During the following months WSDA will work closely with residents, small business owners, and government officials at every level to propose an eradication of Japanese beetle. He looks forward to working with the community to achieve this goal.



## CHECK YOUR MAILBOX

Residents and business around the proposed quarantine area will want to be on the lookout for a postcard headed their way!

# Japanese beetle has been detected in your area

During the 2021 trapping season, WSDA trapped more than 25,000 Japanese beetles in Grandview and surrounding areas. Japanese beetles are a highly invasive pest that eat over 300 different types of plants, including roses, grapes, hops, lawns, and more.

In the coming months WSDA will be proposing a plan to begin eradicating the beetles. But there are several things you can do now to help stop the spread of Japanese beetles and prepare for next season.

- · Don't put soil or uprooted plants in your garbage can. Keep it on site.
- · If you move out of the Grandview area, do not take outdoor plants.
- Visit our website to learn more and find links to sign up for email alerts or join our Japanese Beetle Watch Facebook group.

Learn more at: agr.wa.gov/beetles

# Se han detectado escarabajos japoneses en su zona

Durante la temporada de colocación de trampas de 2021, el Departamento de Agricultura del Estado de Washington (Washington State Department of Agriculture, WSDA) atrapó más de 25 000 escarabajos japoneses en Grandview y alrededores. Los escarabajos japoneses son plagas muy invasivas que se alimentan de más de 300 tipos de plantas diferentes, tales como rosas, uvas, lúpulo, césped, y muchas más.

En los próximos meses, el WSDA propondrá un plan para comenzar a erradicar esta plaga. Sin embargo, hay varias medidas que usted puede implementar ahora para ayudar a detener la propagación de los escarabajos japoneses y prepararse para la próxima temporada.

- · No coloque tierra o plantas desterradas en su contenedor de basura. Manténgalas en su sitio.
- Si se muda de la zona de Grandview, no se lleve plantas de exterior.
- Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más información y enlaces para suscribirse a alertas por correo electrónico. También puede unirse a nuestro grupo de Facebook Japanese Beetle Watch ("Guardia contra los escarabajos japoneses").

Entérese de más en agr.wa.gov/beetles



### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PEST? - REPORT IT!

If you have seen Japanese beetle, please report it! Take a picture and note the location. You can report sightings using our online <u>reporting map and form</u>. Or, you can email us at <u>PestProgram@agr.wa.gov</u>, or call 1-800-443-6684.

#### RESTRICT SOIL MOVEMENT

At this time of year, most adult beetles are dead, but before their passing they laid eggs in the ground. These eggs turned into larvae, living in the dirt. Therefore, you can help prevent the spread of Japanese beetle by not moving soil or fill, if you live in the Grandview area.

If you happen to uproot any plants, free them of soil, and leave the soil on site.

If you have any potted or outdoor plants, do not move them.

## STAY CONNECTED

WSDA is dedicated to working with the public to provide information on Japanese beetle. WSDA has taken pictures of the pest around the Grandview area, to view images please visit <a href="flicker.com/wsdagov.">flicker.com/wsdagov.</a>

View the Pest Alert for Japanese beetle.

- Join the <u>Japanese beetle Facebook group</u>.
- Join the Pest Program email listserv.
- Follow WSDA on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.